

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A panic bar assembly, comprising:

a fixed part (3; 103); ~~having~~

a bolt operating member (5; 105); and

a crash bar (4; 104) comprising a member of profiled section mounted on said fixed part (3; 103) to pivot about a longitudinal axis between an idle position ~~remote from said fixed part (3; 103)~~ and a working position ~~close to said fixed part (3; 103)~~, ~~wherein~~ said crash bar (4; 104) configured to activate ~~activate~~ said bolt operating member (5; 105) in said working position, [[and]]

~~wherein said crash bar (4; 104) comprises a member of profiled section and is articulated about said longitudinal axis by means of an articulation portion (40; 140)~~ fixed part includes one abutment configured to cooperate with one stop portion carried by said member of profiled section to delimit a range of pivot movement of said member of profiled section, and

wherein said member of profiled section comprises a maneuvering portion (44, 144) rigidly incorporated into said member of profiled section, a lever arm of the maneuvering

portion (44, 144) relative to the longitudinal axis being smaller than a lever arm of said stop portion relative to the longitudinal axis.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly according to claim 1, wherein said ~~articulation portion (40, 140)~~ longitudinal axis is situated in a lower portion of said ~~crash bar (4, 104)~~ member of profiled section, and ~~cooperates with an articulation portion (30, 130) of said fixed part to articulate the member of profiled section of said crash bar (4, 104) about said longitudinal axis~~ and said ~~crash bar (4, 104)~~ member of profiled section includes a stop portion (43; 143) situated in an upper portion of said ~~crash bar (4, 104)~~ member of profiled section.

4. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly according to claim 1, wherein the member of profiled section of said crash bar is a first profiled member, and the fixed part (3) ~~constitutes~~ comprises another a second profiled member of profiled section, the second profiled member extending in the a same direction as said ~~crash bar (4)~~ first profiled member.

5. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly according to claim 4, wherein said ~~fixed part (3)~~ second profiled member includes a longitudinal housing (34) which is entered via a slot with clearance by a longitudinal edge of the member of profiled section of said ~~crash bar (4)~~ first profiled member.

6. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly according to claim 5, wherein said longitudinal housing (34) includes ~~at least~~ one abutment (37) carried by said fixed part (3) ~~cooperating~~ configured to cooperate with ~~at least~~ one stop portion (43) carried by said ~~crash bar (4)~~ first profiled member, ~~there~~ a cooperation of the fixed part (3) with the stop portion (43) delimiting the range of movement in articulation of said crash bar (4).

7-8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly according to claim 6, wherein said ~~crash bar (4)~~ first profiled member has a curved portion (42) that enters said longitudinal housing (34) via an opening at which is situated one abutment (37) formed by a free end of said housing (34), and said stop portion (43) is a rim at the end of said curved portion (42).

10. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly according to claim 4, wherein said ~~fixed part (3)~~ second profiled member includes longitudinal ribs (39a, 39b, 39c, 39d) adapted to receive said bolt operating member (5).

11. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly according to claim 4, wherein said ~~crash bar (4)~~ first profiled member has a longitudinal articulation bead (40) in the vicinity of a longitudinal edge of the first profiled member ~~of profiled section of said crash bar~~, said articulation bead configured to ~~cooperating~~ cooperate with a slotted tube of the ~~another second profiled member of profiled section (30) of said fixed part (3)~~ to articulate said ~~crash bar (4)~~ first profiled member about said longitudinal axis.

12. (previously presented) The panic bar assembly according to claim 1, wherein said fixed part (103) includes two lateral plates (103a, 103b) between which said crash bar (104) is situated.

13. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly according to claim 12, wherein each of said plates (103a, 103b) includes at least one abutment (137, 138) configured to ~~cooperating~~ cooperate with at least one stop portion (143) of said crash bar (104), ~~there~~ a cooperation between the at least

one abutment (137, 138) and the at least one stop portion (143)
delimiting the range of movement in articulation of said crash
bar (104).

14. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly
according to claim 13, wherein one abutment ~~cooperates~~ is
configured to cooperate with a plurality of stop portions.

15. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly
according to claim 13, wherein a plurality of abutments (137,
138) ~~cooperates~~ are configured to cooperate with one stop portion
(143).

16. (previously presented) The panic bar assembly
according to claim 15, wherein said crash bar (104) has on the
member of profiled section of said crash bar a lateral projection
(143c) that forms said stop portion (143), said abutments (137,
138) being formed by edges of a window (134) that is formed in
one of said plates (103a, 103b) and which said lateral projection
(143c) enters.

17. (previously presented) The panic bar assembly
according to claim 16, wherein the member of profiled section of
said crash bar has two longitudinal ends each of which includes a
lateral projection forming a stop portion and said abutments are

formed by edges of a window that is formed in each of said plates and which one of said two lateral projections enters.

18. (previously presented) The panic bar assembly according to claim 12, wherein, at the end of one longitudinal edge of the member of profiled section of said crash bar (104), said crash bar has a curvature in the shape of a longitudinal hollow cylinder (140) and said crash bar (104) is placed between said plates (103a, 103b) so that, at each end of said crash bar (104), said cylinder (140) faces an opening (130) formed in the respective plate (103a, 103b), a pin (140a) entering said cylinder (140) and said opening (130) at each of said plates (103a, 103b) to articulate said crash bar (104) about said longitudinal axis.

19. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly according to claim 12, wherein each of said plates (103a, 103b) is substantially symmetrical with respect to a median longitudinal plane (AA) of the panic ~~belt~~ bar.

20. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly according to claim 12, wherein said plates (103a, 103b) are substantially symmetrical to each other with respect to a median transverse plane of the panic ~~belt~~ bar.

21. (previously presented) The panic bar assembly according to claim 12, wherein said plates (103a, 103b) include fixing means (171, 172) for fixing them to a support.

22. (previously presented) The panic bar assembly according to claim 1, further comprising:

lateral shells (106) adapted to be fixed to said fixed part (3; 103).

23. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly according to claim 22, wherein each of said lateral shells (106) is substantially symmetrical with respect to a median longitudinal plane (AA) of the panic ~~bolt~~ bar.

24. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly according to claim 22, wherein said lateral shells (106) are substantially symmetrical to each other with respect to a median transverse plane of the panic ~~bolt~~ bar.

25. (previously presented) The panic bar assembly according to any claim 1, further comprising:

a bolt (151) on which said bolt operating member (5; 105) acts.

26. (previously presented) The panic bar assembly according to claim 25, further comprising:

lateral shells (106) and said bolt (151) passes through one of said lateral shells (106).

27. (previously presented) The panic bar assembly according to claim 9, wherein a second abutment is made of a wall of said fixed part which is opposite said opening.

28. (currently amended) The panic bar assembly according to claim 1, wherein the ~~crash bar (4; 104)~~ first profiled member is connected to the bolt operating member (5; 105) by a transfer member (45; 145).

29. (canceled)

30. (new) The panic bar assembly according to claim 1, wherein said stop portion delimits a range of motion in a direction of the working position.

31. (new) The panic bar assembly according to claim 1, wherein said stop portion delimits a range of motion in a direction of the idle position.

32. (new) The panic bar assembly according to claim 1, wherein the maneuvering portion is curved with an outer face configured to receive operative pressure from a user.